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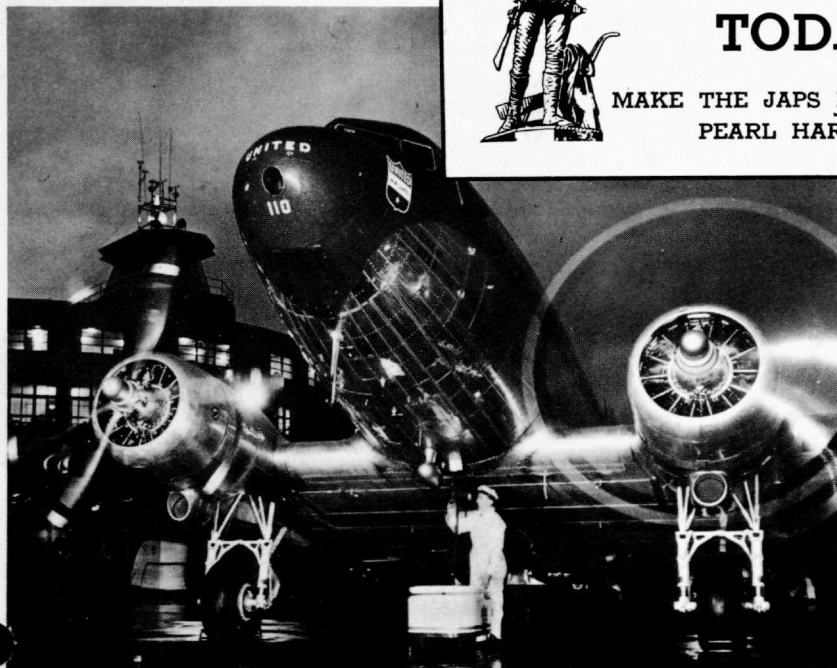
## BUY WAR BONDS



Your Government asks you to lend it 10 cents of every dollar you earn if you possibly can. Join the 10 per cent pay roll deduction plan

## TODAY

MAKE THE JAPS REMEMBER  
PEARL HARBOR



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SAVING PRECIOUS HOURS! OVERNIGHT, COAST TO COAST!

War production lines can't wait for vital parts and sub-assemblies. Air express is proving to be the answer. Shipments placed aboard main liners in New York at close of business day are delivered to Pacific Coast cities at opening of business next morning. Regular nightly air express shipments are now routine between sub-contractors and contractors as air commerce makes its contribution to win this war.



NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

*To help maintain the spirit of friendly co-operation  
and constant improvement which has marked our  
course from the beginning.*

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## EDITORIALS

### *What Are We Waiting For?*

The longer this war lasts the more it will cost — in wrecked homes, lost freedom, and lost loved ones. All the Government asks us to do in this War Bond Drive is to lend ten cents of every dollar we make. Not give it — just lend it at a safe rate of interest. We hope that every man and woman who can possibly do so will promptly subscribe. There may be many cases where this may be impossible to the extent of ten per cent. This is a free country. Each one of us can do exactly as he or she feels is right. We do not ask anyone to join the ten per cent drive who can not do so. But if you can, please do, before the end of October.

### *Another Way You Can Help*

Time is just as valuable as money. Every time you have to be absent from work because of slight illness or because of accident you subtract that much from the total war effort. Multiply this a few million times and your country has lost the equivalent of many battles, many warships, planes, tanks, and merchant ships. That's why your government is doing all in its power to get you and me and everyone in the country to get fit and stay "fit for service" — whether in the factory or in the military service. That's why every effort is being made to keep accidents down to the minimum. This is an ALL-OUT WAR, and that means an EVERYBODY-IN-IT WAR. So let's try in every way to be careful, avoid accidents and illness. Eat carefully, get plenty of rest, sleep and some recreation. Give your job all you've got — and — SAFETY FIRST!

Fire your dollars at America's enemies. Put ten per cent of your earnings into War Bonds every pay day.

Don't let your coins accumulate — Turn them in for stamps as often as you can. The Government informs us that owing to the great need for copper and other metals it is essential that all coins be kept in circulation as much as possible. This is to relieve the Treasury from minting new ones.

## A BRIEF SUMMARY OF AN ARTICLE BY ERSKINE CALDWELL, NOVELIST

I watched the Russian people during the first six months of war in the Soviet Union. They bought government bonds as fast as the presses could turn them out. Next to themselves, they consider Americans the smartest people in the world. The Russians believe their bonds the safest investment on earth and back up their belief by buying all they can. But many of us put off day to day what is not a hardship but a rare privilege. Millions of persons in Axis-occupied countries would give anything to be able to invest in United States War Savings Bonds, rather than see their wealth taken away by Germany and Japan. Each one of us has the opportunity of contributing to the defeat of our enemies in the same conclusive manner in which the people of Russia rose up and hurled back the German army at the gates of Moscow, and now at Stalingrad. . . . If the Russians can do these things, Americans can too!

## "CORN-ZA-POPPIN' "

November 19 and 20

As this issue of the Log goes to print, the cast is hard at work on "Corn-za-poppin'," — the gallopin', yodelin', benefit show to be presented November 19 and 20 at Drury High School Auditorium. The minstrel part of this year's show will bear the brand of the wild, wild West. It will keep your spurs jinglin' and janglin' all the way through.

Proceeds will be used in part for "Bundles for Buddies" — gifts to Sprague boys in the service on every front — just to let them know we're not forgetting! The balance of the proceeds will replenish the Sprague Benefit Fund which makes dozens of unfortunate employees' homes brighter at Christmas time and whenever misfortune strikes.

We hope you will do your best possible to come along to this Gala Rodeo. Be prepared for almost anything! This will be the biggest and best Sprague show yet and we reckon you'll agree when the dust finally settles and the show is over.



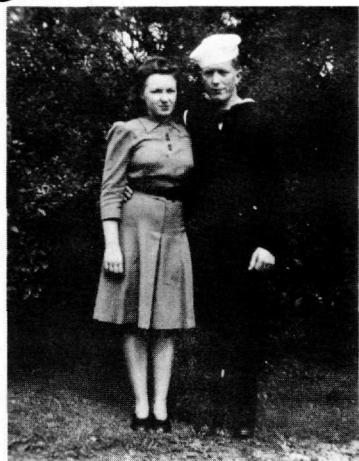
Education within Industry Class: Marion Conroy, Helen Abbott, Calvin Aubertine, Margaret Mazinski, Mathew Czerwinski, Anna Vigna, Harry Carpenter, Elizabeth Catrambone, Beatrice Crandall.



Another Education within Industry Class: George Remillard, Loretta Foisey, Cecilia Kut, Jack Lesh, Dot Boutwell, Rita Cooper, Carl Alderman.



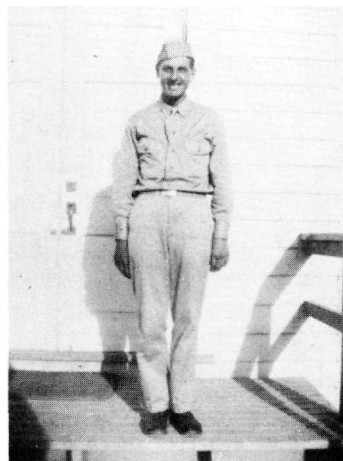
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JOHN and CATHERINE MAHONEY



FIORINO MESSINA



FRANK KRYSTON



HAROLD RONAN

It is always a great pleasure to welcome back for their brief visits former employees now in service. Among those who have dropped in recently are John Fortini, Francis Guzzi, William Kiel, Clovis Lambert, Floyd Lesure and Peter Maruco. Be sure to have any former employees in service pay a visit to the plant when they get back home. It is an inspiration to all of us.

When the soldiers of an infantry company at Fort Devens, Mass., boast that every member of the company is buying War Savings Bonds, they are 101 per cent correct. Not satisfied with 100 per cent participation in the bond buying campaign, the doughboys chipped in and bought a \$25 Bond for their mascot, a tiny black dog named "Blackout." When "Blackout's" bond comes due, the money will go to the A.S.P.C.A.



PETTY OFFICER WILLIAM S. JANGRO

Formerly of the Owens Department, was one of the radio men who sent out distress calls when the U.S.S. "Wakefield" recently burned at sea. He is a graduate of Drury High School and was trained as a radio man after enlisting in the Navy. Saved from this disaster he has been temporarily stationed at Brooklyn, N. Y. awaiting a new assignment. Congratulations from all his former employee friends at Sprague's.

## A LETTER FROM WESTERN ELECTRIC COMPANY

Dear Mr. Sprague:

The Hawthorne, Kearny and Point Breeze plants of this Company have been honored with the award of the Army-Navy "E" for excellence in war production.

Needless to say we are highly pleased with this tribute to our employees for their accomplishments. However, we are mindful of the fact that the fine performance of the employees of thousands of companies in supplying us with the necessary raw materials, fabricated parts and apparatus has made possible the achievements that have brought our employees this award of merit.

On behalf of this Company and its employees I want to extend to your Company and your employees our gratitude for their efforts on our behalf in supplying the country's armed forces with equipment essential to bringing this war to a speedy and victorious conclusion for the United Nations.

Cordially yours,

C. G. STOLL, President.

## International Radio Company Pty. Ltd. SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA

A LETTER FROM MR. CHARLES E. FORREST,  
Managing Director  
of Our Australian Representatives

Dear Bob:

Possibly you have been wondering what's happened "down under" and why you haven't been receiving more mail from me.

Our organization is on one hundred per cent war work and by the time the end of the day happens along we haven't the same amount of energy left as we did in peace times. Further, as Australia is one of the centres of war, you can imagine that the mental strain on everybody in Australia and the mental outlook is so different from what it was in peace time.

There are several representatives of American press associations and also representations of the different American broadcasting systems down here that you possibly receive much more news of Australia and about what's going on down here than I can hope to tell you in a letter.

### Praises Americans in Australia

We are all very thankful and so terribly pleased with the number of Americans, Army, Navy and Airmen, down here in Australia and not forgetting a lot of American girls of the different American war organizations and I don't care where you go in any part of the world, you couldn't find better-mannered and/or better type folks than these Americans I refer to. They all get along so well with all the Australian people and the members of the Australian fighting forces. No longer is it a curiosity in any part of Australia for people to stop and say "Oh, there's an American soldier!" I have been expecting a call on the telephone from some of these Americans saying "I've got a note of introduction to you," that you'd given them, but so far nothin's happened!

Please don't be shy. If any of these Americans down here and/or any of those Americans coming down here are good friends of yours, I'd like to meet them — I'd like to do all I can for them here.

There are many organizations here who set themselves out to entertain in every way they possibly can, and do all they possibly can for the American forces — in fact, any and all the Allied forces who are here in Australia.

### Tells About Jap Subs

Some time ago you no doubt read in your newspapers that Japanese submarines just off the Heads at Sydney let a few shells fly, but they did no real damage, and I really mean that. Nobody was killed or hurt. I believe the whole total damage done didn't amount to \$10,000. Incidentally, quite a number of the shells they fired did not explode at all. One of these shells landed within a hundred yards of my home, and several of them landed within a quarter of a mile, and that was that.

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## VOX POP AROUND THE SHOP

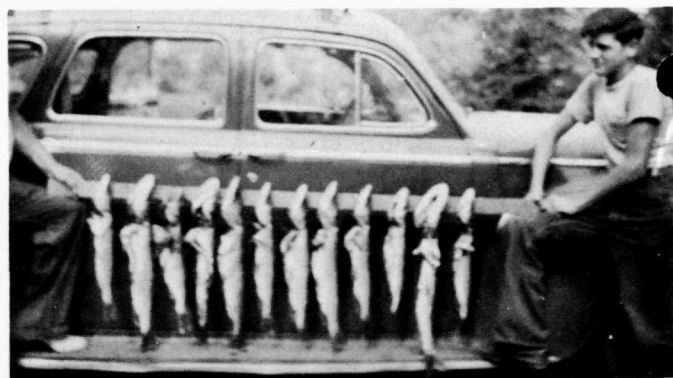
**Brown Street:** ELAINE GOODRICH was soloist in last year's Minstrel Show and sang the "Star Spangled Banner" at both plants the day the soldiers paid us a visit. Her hobbies are dancing, bowling and bicycling, but she is principally interested in music, having studied in New York City. She has been at Brown Street for six months. . . . PETER MANCUSO, who joined the Sprague employees in the Formation Department six years ago and then worked in the Chemical Check Department, is now Supervisor of Check Inspection and Sample Check at Brown Street under Crawford Bellows. He never misses a good movie, especially "Popeye," and his laugh will always tell you when he is in the theatre. His hobbies are swimming and wrestling. In the latter sport he has won many A.A.U. championships. He was runner-up in the New England Championship and the Two State (Massachusetts and Rhode Island) Championships several times. As a member of the Sprague Minstrel Committee he says: "Let's Go — to the Annual Show!"

**Plating:** ZYGAMOND "ZYG" NAZZEWSKI came with the Company six years ago and has been supervisor in the Plating Department three years. Played football at Drury and in 1935 held Berkshire County Championship in the discus. Three years ago married Miss Faith Hopkins and they have been living in Williamstown the past year. "Zyg" and brother "Matt" of Brown Street had a "chem lab" at home during high school days. Now their hobby is investigating old mines in this part of New England. Copper near Zoar. Sulphur and gold in Vermont. Also soapstone and talc. (Strike any diamonds let us know, "Zyg".) As coach of the 1940 Annual Show and Chairman of the 1941 Show "Zyg" is right there with the "know how" — a leader in whatever will benefit the Company or community. . . .

**Etching:** DANIEL NELSON KIMBALL has been employed at Sprague's for twelve and three-quarters years; in the Etching Department eight years. He has handled both basket etching and continuous etching. Now lives in Pownal, Vt., but resided eleven years on Cliff Street, North Adams. Born in Williamstown, his family moved later to North Adams. Dan worked in a cotton mill in Fall River, then was a painting contractor in North Adams. Also worked on construction of large paper mill at Fort Edwards, N. Y. Dan is married and has one boy, Daniel, Jr., who is eight and one-half and in the fourth grade. Dan does a good deal of hunting and fishing, but woodworking and a big garden are his main hobbies, plus painting and papering the new home he bought two years ago.

**Sales:** HELEN ALBINI came to the Sprague Company six and one-half years ago. She is a North Adams native and a graduate of Drury. She handles the pricing and entering of orders and the rating of priorities. Hiking, bicycling (including a recent cycle trip to Pittsfield) are some of her activities. Helen is also a supervisor at Red Cross Dressings. Quiet and somewhat demure, she can be the life of the party, always witty and full of fun. Her love for real good music is well known. . . . KATHLEEN "KAY" BELLOWES started five and one-half years ago in the old Mica Department. She lives in Williamstown and works on Red Cross bandage making. "Kay" attended Bryant College in Providence, R. I. She likes bicycling and swimming and recently took part in the group cycling trip to Pittsfield. She is one of those planning (if it has not already taken place) a long distance cycle tour to Bellows Falls. She likes reading and knitting, having made some soldiers' sweaters. In 1940 "Kay" took part in the Minstrels. Her father is a machinist at Brown Street and her brother is Chief Check Inspector. "Kay" has the honor of being a Lecturer for the Grange. . . . MILDRED "MILLIE" SATKO lives in Adams and graduated from Adams High School and Albany Business College. She has been with us four years. She likes music, dancing, shows and entertainments. Also does some bicycling, bowling and hiking. Modestly admits she is a good bowler, almost regularly rolling over one hundred. (Editorially, that is marvelous!) She says: "Not married, still happy!" . . . ESTHER GARRATT has been with us five months. She is also a native of North Adams and graduated from Drury. Takes dictation for Mr. J. K. Sprague and Mr. Welch. She is a bicyclist, and boasts trips to Canada, Finger Lakes, N. Y. and Pennsylvania. But her chief accomplishment is skiing. She is one of the leading expert skiers in the region, having won a number of events. At present secretary of the North Adams Ski Club.

**Purchasing:** HELEN S. CONNORS was born in North Adams and attended St. Joseph's High School and Bliss Business College. She is secretary to Mr. McNamara and has been twelve years with the Sprague Company. Helen lived in New York a year, working for Kinney Brothers and Wolkins in New York City, and living in Mineola, L. I. There she was fascinated by aviation (aviators?) at the nearby flying field. A little more and she would doubtless have been one of the efficient and attractive hostesses on a big airliner. For if there is one thing you will learn about Helen, it is that she is a



Northern pike caught by Lorin and Emma Underwood on a recent fishing trip at High Gate, Vermont

hustler. Whenever you see someone practically running from one job or department to the next you may be sure it's Helen. And it's always something worth doing, you can bet. If every plant worker put the same pep and speed into their work that she does, all possible records would be broken. How she does this, and also keeps her good disposition during a barrage of "helpful kidding" such as the editor encountered during his interview, is a mystery. It must be the effect of her peaceful, pastoral existence at her beautiful place in Clarksburg, where she has developed a modern combination farm and suburban residence, with a wonderful barbecue outdoor fireplace. We understand that basking in the sun and plenty of good eats are also a "must" on Helen's busy program. . . . DORIS SANFORD has been with the Company eight years. She is a graduate of Drury and Bliss Business College. Work includes all dictation, plus order entries and handling rejections. Likes singing and is a contralto, being a member of the Bach Chorus of Williamstown. Also plays the piano. Her father was State Representative in Vermont for three terms of two years each, and at present her mother is serving her second term as State Representative of Vermont, having taken over her husband's duties of that office upon his death. . . . MRS. MARGARET ST. PIERRE ANDREW has been here nearly ten months. She loves bowling, movies, dancing. She was born and attended school in Ormeaux, Saskatchewan, Canada. She has two brothers in the United States Army.

**Engineering and Drafting:** J. HARRY MARTIN came to this department in March 1935. He is now checking inspectors' specifications. He spent twenty-five years with General Electric, ten years testing transformers and fifteen years manufacturing them. Harry was born in New Haven, Conn., and held his first job there with the Dennison Electrical Engineering Company. Later he was with the New Haven Railroad in the Electrical Department; then had experience running the Electric Light Plant at Menand, N. Y. Hobby — building his own year around home and garage in 1936 and tinkering around the place ever since. He used to do considerable salt water fishing in Long Island Sound. He has a married son. Talk with Harry for a time and you soon discover that he is quite a deep student of politics as well as a practical philosopher. . . . WILLIAM JETTE has been with Sprague Specialties about a year and a half. He graduated from Dalton High in 1929 and went into theatre management at Boston with Loew's Orpheum and later at Pittsfield for five years. Then he became interested in mechanics and machinery through his theatre experience and so eventually arrived in this department in January 1941. He is married and has a three months old son, William, Jr. Interests include photography and reading history and biography.

A dime from every dollar — that's what Uncle Sam asks you to invest in War Bonds to back up our boys on the fighting fronts.

Celebrating the Fourth of July with bonfires dates back to the first observance of the holiday in Philadelphia in 1777. You can help build a bonfire under the Axis every pay day by buying United States War Bonds. Each bond you buy adds fuel to the fires of America's freedom.

### NOTES

ISABELLA MULVANEY, Impregnating Department, was recently elected president and KATIE BRYCE was elected treasurer of Lady Argyle Drill Team of North Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH ZOITO celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on September 29, 1942.





### HERE ARE SOME GOOD SAFETY RULES TO KEEP IN MIND

In 1940 United States industry lost 17,000 workers killed, 93,000 crippled by accident and 1,500,000 injured as they were absent from their jobs for days or weeks. THINK how this slows down the war effort. THINK what it costs in suffering to the injured, to family and friends. Whenever you are tempted to rush a job, get careless, take a chance, or disregard company SAFETY rules — Don't!

Safety rules: Keep physically fit. Work only when fit. Work only with proper tools, equipment, safety devices. Report all unguarded machines, or unsafe, or unsanitary conditions to your foreman. Report injuries of any kind immediately. Get first aid at once. Small cuts or scratches often become badly infected.

Wear goggles for grinding, snagging, chipping, welding or blasting. Before cleaning, adjusting or oiling any machine make sure the power IS OFF. Never reach over dangerous moving parts. Always turn off power before trying to remove jammed material. Wear snug-fitting clothes.

Never wear long sleeves, dangling neckties, loose trouser cuffs, or finger rings. Use only properly sharpened tools. Use proper shields to cover dangerous parts of sharp-edged, pointed or moving tools. Learn to lift the right way. Don't strain. Keep body upright; lift with leg muscles and back. Wear gloves when handling sharp-edged scrap or rough material. Remove projecting nails from barrels, crates and loose lumber. Watch your step!



### A LETTER FROM MR. CHARLES E. FORREST

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You no doubt read in your newspapers that those submarines that did get into Sydney Harbour, were destroyed. We have since salvaged these Japanese submarines and they're on exhibition here in Sydney and for the equivalent of twenty cents United States currency you can go and take a good look at them.

### Brought War Home to Them

The most interesting thing about the episode was the Monday morning after the Japanese shelling (the Jap submarines shelled Sydney on a Sunday night), there was of course quite a lot of talk and cross talk about where the shells landed — (did they get near your place, what and who got hurt, and what have you) — but by night time it was old stuff — nobody panicked — it was a thrill as it were, for the time, but the Australians went steadily on with their jobs. I think it possibly brought the war much closer to some of them, because I believe we had for a while a few people who thought

"it can't happen here." Just the same, no doubt, you have a lot of people in U. S. A. who think the same thing. The fact that you're in the middle of U. S. A. does not, in my opinion, make you immune from acts of war caused by these Axis powers, any the less than if you were in the centre of Australia.

### Rationing Hits Them Too

We all down here are expecting to "get it," and preparing for it when it comes, and you can bet your last shirt button that we all down here in Australia will give those Jap so-and-so's, etc., a hell of a fight.

There really isn't any happening that I can talk about apart from war, because Australia is so war-minded and everybody is working and doing everything they possibly can for the successful finish of this war in the earliest possible time. We read about certain rationing of certain articles in your neck of the woods. Similar goods and/or articles are rationed down here, but it's really amazing what one can do without that in pre-war times one just thought one just had to have.

### Strong for MacArthur

You no doubt have read in your papers many times the fact that General MacArthur is down here doing such an excellent job. You may at times have wondered how an American general was received down here in Australia and put in charge of operations. Let me tell you that everyone was just thrilled to bits to hear it and everyone is behind General MacArthur a hundred per cent.

You no doubt have also read in your papers that the Prime Minister of Australia has stated that the General is to have his way always — without interference politically or of any other kind. We Australians have so much confidence in him that I really believe we forget the fact that he is an American general.

This may seem a strange statement to you, but if I were up in your country I'd be a foreigner, notwithstanding the fact that we are allies in this war. If you were down here in this country you'd be a foreigner. Then, doesn't it strike you as absolutely remarkable we should have a foreigner in charge of the whole of the war operations down here and that we all should be with him, and for him, and behind him, a hundred per cent?

I mention this to you just to show you the complete confidence that this country has in your country and in your countrymen, and I sincerely hope and trust that you and yours have the same confidence in us all down here.

### Australia Has Big Job Too

I do sincerely hope and trust that nothing and no one up in your neck of the woods will get the idea that this is only a side show down here in Australia and that the big shooting match is in Europe. They've got a job to do in Europe — they've got a job to do in Libya — they've got a job to do in the Middle East, in India, in Asia, and we have a job to do down here — don't let anyone fool you. You can imagine by looking at the map that if the Japs could invade and completely dominate Australia, just how many years longer the war would last.

Now let me hear from you — what's going on, and how're your folks and what are you doing? Are you making up anything for war use that you think that we could make down here to supply to War Departments? Remember, there's a terrific amount of American equipment down here that has to be serviced, repaired, and kept in good working order all the time. How about you sitting down and dropping me a note to let me know the gossip from your neck of the woods?

With the very warmest good wishes,  
Sincerely yours,

*Charlie*

Note: Mr. Forrest has represented the Sprague Company in Australia for ten years and prior to the war used to come to this country once a year and always visited our plant. It is stimulating to get this close-up picture from one we regard so highly.





MARY MANGANO of Resistors will be married sometime in October to John LaDame, not employed here.

ELEANOR PEAT, Paper Rolling, and William Stack, not employed here, have chosen November 11 (Armistice Day) for their wedding.



WILLIAM BELLOW, Machine Shop, and Irene McAdams, not employed here, were married September 5, 1942, at the Baptist Church, Williamstown.

On September 5, 1942, at the Baptist Church, FRIEDA STOEHENER, Western Electric Department, was married to Edward Dalton, not employed here.

CLARICE COODY, Resistors, and LESLIE DUSTIN, Can Shop, were married September 6, 1942 at the Baptist Church. A cousin of Clarice's, ISOBEL MULVANEY of Impregnating, was matron of honor and the bride's sister Mary was bridesmaid. EDWARD DION of the Can Shop was usher.

RACHEL NEVEU, Western Electric Department, was married September 15, 1942 at Notre Dame Church, Adams, to Arthur Fiedler, not employed here.

CHARLOTTE OUELLETTE, Mica Department, married Ledor Barcomb, not employed here, on September 26, 1942 at the Holy Family Church, Greylock.

CECILE OUELLETTE, Western Electric Department, and JAMES MANCINI, Maintenance Department, were married at Notre Dame Church, Adams, on September 26, 1942.

BERNICE DOWNEY, Boxing Department, was married to John Dallair, not employed here, at St. Thomas Church, Adams, September 26, 1942.

NORMAN CHAMPAGNE, K.V.A. Department, was married to Sophia Rusek, not employed here, at St. Stanislaus Church, Adams, September 26, 1942.

RITA ETHIER, Brown Street, was married to Lieut. J. F. Farren, not employed here, on October 6, 1942.

ESTHER BRESSETTE, Brown Street, was married October 10, 1942 to Richard Bemis, not employed here.

Robert Steele, not employed here, and RUTH MURPHY, Western Electric Department, were married at St. Francis Church October 10, 1942.

On October 17, 1942, ANN JANUSKA, Western Electric Department, was married to Lawrence DeMastrie, not employed here.



- September 6 A son to Sergeant and Mrs. PAUL BERGERON. Dad who worked in the Ovens Department, is now in England.
- September 17 A son to Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES WEST. Mother is LAURA of the office.
- September 23 A daughter, Donna, to Mr. and Mrs. NEMROD NOWELL. Mother is FLORENCE of the Boxing Department.
- September 27 A daughter was born to ADOLPHUS and GERTRUDE FIELDS.
- October 8 A son to Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR MENARD. Mother is the former Lauretta of Paper Assembly.

#### VACATION AND TRIPS

JIMMY ZABEK visited New York City.

NORMAN CHENAIL spent his vacation at home.

STELLA MATEUSZYK, Resistor Department, recently spent a week in Philadelphia, Pa.

ANGIE and HARVEY DEGRENIER attended the world series in New York.

URSULA MARCEAU, Oven Department, attended world series also.

JENNIE CHALIFOUX is visiting in California for a few months.

ROSE GIACCO and her niece, VIRGINIA CARON, spent their vacations near Boston.

RITA DENO of K.V.A. spent a vacation in New York City.



#### RESISTOR DEPARTMENT FAREWELL PARTY

When the Resistor Department was being moved to a new location the girls held a farewell party on September 25. Toasts were given by the girls to each and every one. A farewell cake, decorated for the occasion, was made by Roma Brazeau. The hostesses were Dorothy Brothers and Margaret Steinberg. The table was decorated in appropriate colors of red, white and blue with garden flowers and favors. Those attending (see photo) were: Dot Brothers, Roma Brazeau, Connie Baben, Peggy Steinberg, Eileen Horn, Ella Trumble, Cecelia Combs, Rhoderick Blue, Frances Roy, Joe Garenani, Alice Lunney, Emma Underwood, Catherine Mantello, Rose Grillone, Marion Atwell, and Frank Gassett.



Suggestion Award Winner, Josephine Martinoli of Block Test

#### HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS AS TO WHAT TO SUGGEST

Below are some of the problems on which you are at liberty to submit any suggestion you think will be of benefit.

1. How to save what is now lost or wasted?
2. How to economize time, machinery, stock supplies, etc.?
3. How to improve our equipment?
4. How to eliminate hand or machine operations?
5. How to improve our production?
6. How to handle the work better or quicker?
7. How to use material now being scrapped?
8. How to get a more convenient arrangement of office space, machines, tools, or supplies?
9. How to improve our internal transportation system?
10. How to eliminate unnecessary reports or other paper work?
11. Where to use machinery instead of handwork?
12. How to prevent delays?

REMEMBER, it is to YOUR interest, YOUR COUNTRY'S interest and your Company's interest when you turn in an acceptable suggestion.

## Open Season for Strikes and Spares

The Sprague Bowling League opened the 1942-43 season at the Olympian Alleys on Thursday, September 24. The highest score was turned in by the Industrial Oils with a total of 1440, but they lost by two points to the Maintenance Team.

The high individual scores for three strings were as follows: Harold Tourjee of Industrial Oils — 325. Michael Gentile of Can Shop — 309. George Benoit of Sprague Products — 308.

The Team points were as follows:

Maintenance.....2	Industrial Oils.....1
Stockroom.....2	Sprague Products.....1
Paper Tubulars.....3	Impregnating.....0
Laboratory.....3	Shipping Room.....0
Can Shop.....3	Ovens.....0

The League has twelve teams competing, and due to the fact that so many of the boys have enlisted or been drafted it looks as though the Sprague League will once again be the largest in the city.



Our famous Horseshoe Team: Pat Mazza, Harry Carpenter, Robert Button, Charles Dean, William Brundige, Jr., Leon DeGraff, Manager, George Forgea

### PICKED FROM THE "POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE"

The greatest altitude at which an airplane can be seen with the naked eye is about 12,000 feet.

Last year one company paid \$61 in taxes for every \$100 of wages and salaries.

A new world's launching record was established at one shipyard recently when four Navy destroyers slid down the way *within one hour*.

One manufacturer has developed a wooden bathtub that looks like porcelain.

American Indians fertilized their corn by planting a fish in each hill.

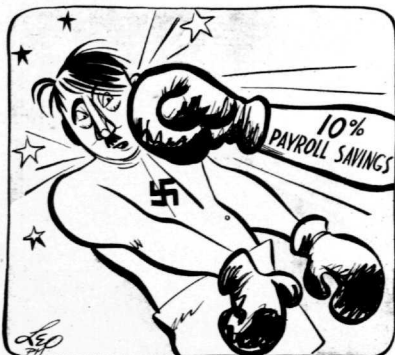
A modern destroyer costs about \$7,500,000. (Keep buying those war stamps and bonds.)

Forged checks can now be detected instantly by means of an ultraviolet ray lamp developed through industrial research.

The vine of the rattan palm sometimes reaches 1,000 feet in length — a record in the plant world.

An electro-magnet device automatically indicates the condition or ripeness of any fruit without penetrating the skin.

Better uniforms. The American dye industry has perfected the dyes used in light-khaki summer uniforms of service men so that they no longer look washed-out as they did in World War I.



Dry Formation Annual Outing, held on September 19 at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club. Front Row: George Senecal, Paul Belanger, Vernon King, Jack Sullivan, William Lacross, Leonard Bourrie, Lucien Siciliano, Nelson Beverly, Harold St. Denis, A. Gibeau. Second Row: Ellsworth Griffin, Edward Ducharme, Arthur Hewitt, George Beverly, P. Lepage, Leo Lemoine, James Shea, Arthur Randall, Daniel Shea, Dalmon Chilson, Robert Lambert, Paul Netherwood, Henry Robson, Thomas Dufraigne, John Hyde, Laurence Dufraigne, Mr. Clayton Collins, Worthy President of Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Harry Barschdorf. In Back: Wilfred Lebert and William Allison.

## NOW WE'RE GOING TO BAT



Mr. Denoyan reports: We have been designated, as of September 15, as an official issuing agent for War Bonds. This means that you will be able to get your bonds a week sooner than before. It means a real service to you and we are glad to assume the assignment despite considerable added work. It means you will be able to get your bonds one week after the final deduction on the pay roll is made.

We are making OCTOBER our official campaign month to increase the number of employees who are giving ten per cent of their pay to the purchase of War Bonds on the United States Pay Roll Deduction Plan. It is hoped that a great many who have not yet done so, will step up and sign up for this ALL-OUT-VICTORY drive. Lend a dime out of every dollar to help win the war is all the Government asks.

Carlow's Tire Agency on Beaver Street will arrange all details for retreading or recapping tires for eligible employees. They will make out your application to the Rationing Board and if the application is accepted will remove your tires in the parking lot and replace them with one or two tires as required — *loaning them to you for your use* while the repair job is being done. The condition of your tires and the fact of your regular employment in a war industry are basic requirements to obtain this valuable service.

Recently the number of Sprague employees reached the largest total that any firm in North Adams ever had.

Did you GUESS WHO in the September Log? They were ORRIE KING, ALFRED LAW and ALCIDE GIUSTI.





*"Then Something Whispered—This Is Worth Fighting For!"*



Top Row: Mary Donato and Charlotte Donato, daughters of Josephine Donato of K. V. A.; Conchita Angeli, daughter of Nettie Angeli of Paper Rolling; Joan Ann, daughter of Ethel Lemoine; Lyle Blanchard, son of Doretta of Brown Street Plant. Lower Row: Phyllis, Beverly and Norman Miller, children of Norman (Maintenance Department) and Lucille Miller (Brown Street Plant); Beverly Jean, daughter of Grace DeMers of K. V. A.; James Conroy, son of Marion Conroy of Paper Rolling; Therese, Ann and Baby Karlene, children of Emaline Morin of Brown Street Plant.



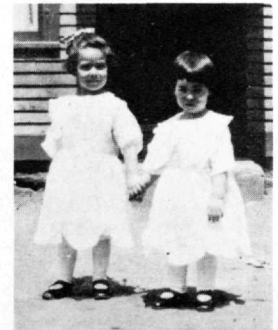
GUESS WHO?

This wide-awake boy  
now works in the  
Maintenance  
Department

## ANY BONDS TODAY?

Have you joined the V-10 War Bond Squadron?  
Are you wearing your identification badge?  
Do you know about our Credit Union?  
Have you a suggestion for saving materials, time or accidents?  
Have you joined the campaign for ten per cent pay roll deductions for War Bonds?  
Are you doubling up on rides to the plant to save gas and tires?  
Have you scraped up all the scrap around your home and turned it in?  
Have you bought your tickets to the Annual Show?

If liberty is worth fighting for it is worth paying for — buy  
**WAR BONDS.**



GUESS WHO?

One of these cute  
little sisters works in  
the Boxing Department,  
the other in  
Impregnating

MR. & MRS. LESSON IN WAR ECONOMICS

By Arthur Folwell and Ellison Hoover

